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# Winter Camp News

“Traditionally Unconventional”

“On Guard  
Since 1986”

Winter Camp XLI News—Precamp Edition

## Winter Camp XLI: And Now For Some— *thing Completely Somewhat Different*

Members of the Migisi Opawgan Chapter of Noquet Lodge, Order of the Arrow, will make their annual rendezvous with winter adventure by dominating the landscape of Beaver Creek subcamp at D-A Scout Ranch from December 27-31, 2017. Over 30 Winter Campers are expected to strain the capacities of the Ranch. Youth leader Matthew Grimble and adviser Keith King head a leadership team with over 200 previous Winter Camp experiences.

While the cost of Winter Camp has lagged behind inflation, the program continues to improve. Winter Camp is a culinary delight, and because many foods are prepared from scratch, an outstanding and sometimes unusual menu is prepared at budget prices. Winter Camp XXV was noted for the largest banquet in Arrow history, which served 162 different dishes. While that meal was a one-time experience (deservedly so), the menu and program for Winter Camp XLI promise their own memorable moments.

This year’s theme is “Monty Python”, a theme which will see twists on classic Winter Camp activities and meals together with new thematic elements. The rest of this weekette will confirm what veteran campers have known for years: that Winter Camp makes the year’s final weekette well worth the wait.

### Weather Forecast

Expectations of snow for Winter Camp usually mark the hopes of its participants, but today’s weather may not be as expected. A moving frontal system may provide some precipitation, but predicted high temperatures in the 20s merely match the probability of snow for this weekette. Camp may not turn out to be cold and dry, but that seems the way to bet.

Given that forecast, Winter Camp’s XLI’s weather will be challenged to set new records: Winter Camp’s high temperature of 57°F was reached at Winter Camps VI and VIII, and its lowest temperature, -8°F, was recorded at Winter Camp XIV.

### Gastronomic Delights

Winter Camp XLI will kick off with the **Unique Meal**. As a prerequisite for securing any foodstuffs, campers will be asked to rise and state one thing about themselves that is unique: a trait not possessed by any other current Winter Camper.

If you’re reading this paper at camp on Day One before lunch, you have a limited amount of time to think of something unique about yourself. Tick tock, brothers.

### The Mood Of Winter Camp Throughout The Weekette

—as captured by Chris Kirschke (2015)

**December 27:** Yay! We’re at Winter Camp!

**December 28:** Let’s go Rhombus, let’s go!!

**December 29:** Five days is a little long.

**December 30:** I lost all my chips!!!

**December 31:** Home!

**January 1:** Can’t wait for Winter Camp!

### Today’s Schedule (All times WCST unless indicated)

#### Act 1, Scene 1

7:45 AM EST	Meet at Bollmans’ ✓
11:30 AM	Unique Meal
1:00 PM	Card Draft
2:00 PM	4 Way Volleyball
4:00 PM	Will it Stick?
6:00 PM	Smoked Beast
8:00 PM	Blind Hike/Baking/Papier Mâché
11:00 PM	Bakery Snack
Midnight	That’s a wrap!

### Quote O’ The Day

#### Planning Meeting Edition

“Put this down in your list of rules: Don’t anger the Winter Camp millionaire.”

—Steve Donohue

Hear something funny? Say something funny? Let the News know!

The Winter Camp News plans to publish daily issues during Winter Camp XLI. Come back to read full accounts of Winter Camp adventures, past and present.

# Winter Camp Participation Award—*Don't Miss Out!*

The **Winter Camp Participation Award** is the most prestigious award that can be earned by a youth member of Noquet Lodge. Now is the time for you to earn this gold-bordered Winter Camp patch! Here are the requirements:

**1. While attending Winter Camp, do each of the following:**

- a. Participate in baking a loaf of bread or similar baked good.
- b. Help set up or coordinate an event.
- c. Provide four (4) hours of service to camp.
- d. Climb D-A's highest peak.
- e. Participate in the Blind Hike.
- f. Set a personal goal to achieve during camp and achieve it.

**2. While attending Winter Camp, do at least two of the following:**

- a. Participate in a project aimed at improving Winter Camp.
- b. Write an article or short story for the Winter Camp News.
- c. Sleep outdoors safely during Winter Camp.
- d. Hold a leadership position. This includes serving as youth leader or any other office designated by the leader.

**3. Do at least two of the following:**

- a. Pass the Winter Camp Basic History Test (available from adviser Mark Bollman—>).
- b. Surf the Winter Camp Universe and participate in one or more discussion areas.
- c. Define the following terms: *CHR*, *Jiffy*, *Kitchamajig*, *El Mediodia*, *Quiet Hours*, *Rand Stew*, *Weekette*, *Winter*

*Camp Savings Time.*

In earning the Winter Camp Participation Award, you will join an elite crew of 33 Arrowmen who have earned this award since 2000. Your gold-bordered patch will be presented to you at a ceremony that ensures that the patch will not be touched by the hands of an adult Arrowman. No adult worthy of the name would touch a Participation Award, unless he earned that patch as a youth.

For assistance in completing these requirements or to have your work certified, talk to adviser Ethan Rein, who has agreed to advise Arrowmen working on the Award this year.

The  
**Ministry Of Silly**  
**Walks**  
 regrets to announce that the  
**Perimeter**  
**Hike**  
 planned for  
**Winter Camp XLI**  
 has been postponed.  
*We apologize for the unexpected convenience.*

## *Back In The Day*

Tales Of History and Imagination

Winter Camp L is scheduled for the end of 2026, but the planning began at Winter Camp X in 1986. Since the youth leader has now been born, some forward-looking Arrowmen have ramped up the planning process.

A tentative plan for the fiftieth Winter Camp includes an extra day at camp, with setup activities occurring on the weekend before Christmas. The day-by-day schedule will take campers through the previous century, 20 years every day, in keeping with the proposed theme "*A Century of Experiences—Fifty Years of Winter Camp*".

Each day's events will be led by campers born in the time block of the day, who will serve as the day's "youth" leaders. Daily themes will highlight the generational experiences, including dress, food, living conditions, and other thematic elements representative of the decades of the day:

- 12/26 1920s & 30s Gaiety and Depression
- 12/27 1940s & 50s War and Growth
- 12/28 1960s & 70s Changing Values
- 12/29 1980s & 90s Technology and Prosperity
- 12/30 2000s & 10s Interconnectedness

Additionally, Arrowmen planning to attend Winter Camp L are encouraged, beginning this year, to set a significant personal goal to be achieved in the years before 2026.

# Winter Camp Trivia

From the December 31, 2016 edition: **Topic—Bollmano's Pizza 2016**

1. Who was the first camper to make a pizza with smoked salmon as a topping? —*Kristie Donohue*
2. Who turned his pizza into a calzone and baked it on a salt block? —*Andrew Fountain*
3. Who topped his pizza with Cheez-

It crackers?

—*Gabe Church*

4. Who concocted a buttery garlic spread for his pizza crust?

—*Timmy Kasprzak*

**Today's challenge: Topic—Winter Camp XLI Planning Meeting**

1. Who said "If you don't want me to

talk, I won't."?

2. Who said "If it's tearing down a building, I'm all in favor of it."?
3. Who has been dubbed "Uncle <first name>" for the purposes of a Winter Camp XLI event?
4. Who 3-D printed the Winter Camp XLI cookie cutter?
5. Who subsequently baked Winter Camp sugar cookies using that cutter?